

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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POACHING OF PEACOCKS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that our National Bird, Peacock is being indiscriminately killed for its feathers resulting in decline of its population;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the number of such deaths noticed during the last three years and thereafter alongwith action taken against the poachers, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government are considering for imposing a ban on trade in peacock feathers;
- (d) if so, the time by which the ban is likely to be imposed; and
- (e) whether the Government have received any proposals/suggestions in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) Isolated cases of killing of peacock for their meat have been detected in various states from time to time. But there are no reports regarding killing of peacocks exclusively for obtaining its feathers.

(c), (d) & (e) Export of peacock tail feathers and articles made therefrom is banned. Suggestions have been received for banning the domestic trade in peacock feathers also. Opinion of the State Governments has been sought about the socio-economic impact of banning the domestic trade of peacock tail feathers and the articles made therefrom.